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SUBJECT: STOLEN WALLET OF WARSAW EMBASSY OFFICER

REF: BERLIN 5174

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH MILITARY ORDERS WHICH AUTHORIZED USAGE OF MILITARY TRAVEL IF AVAILABLE, HERSPRING WAS TRANSPORTED TO OSTBAHNHOF BY UNIFORMED MILITARY DRIVER. HERSPRING'S PASSPORT WAS NOT STAMPED.

2. GDR BORDER OFFICIALS AT POLISH BORDER APPEARED FULLY AWARE OF REASON WHY HERSPRING'S PASSPORT DID NOT HAVE EITHER AN EXIT VISA STAMP FROM THE GDR OR A REENTRY STAMP INTO THE GDR. (BORDER TROOP OFFICIALS STATIONED AT OSTBAHNHOF ALSO SEEMED FAMILIAR WITH SITUATION; A LIEUTENANT TOLD AN INQUIRING TRANSPORTPOLIZEI OFFICIAL THAT THE VISA WAS IN ORDER SINCE IT WAS IN AN AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT).

3. WALLET WAS TAKEN AT OSTBAHNHOF AS HERSPRING WAS IN PROCESS OF BOARDING TRAIN. METHOD OF TAKING WALLET WAS VERY PROFESSIONAL AND OBVIOUSLY DONE BY SOMEONE WHO WAS WELL TRAINED IN THE ART OF PICKING POCKETS. INDIVIDUAL WHO TOOK THE WALLET SPOKE GERMAN WITH A SLIGHT FOREIGN ACCENT. BYSTANDERS APPEARED TO FEEL THAT HE WAS POLISH. HERSPRING RECEIVED SEVERAL APOLOGIES

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FROM POLISH PASSENGERS REGARDING THE DEPLORABLE ACTION

OF THEIR COUNTRYMAN. FOUR POLICEMEN PURSUED INDIVIDUAL, WHO
KNOCKED ONE OF THEM DOWN AND ESCAPED IN THE RESULTING CONFUSION.
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